

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 19 without prejudice and add claims 20 - 25, as indicated herein. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 19. (Cancelled)

20. (New) A drink valve comprising:

a housing including a first end and a second end; said housing defining an opening extending longitudinally between said first end and said second end;

a valve member telescopically engaged within said opening of said housing; said valve member including a first end and a second end; said second end including an opening extending longitudinally between said first end and said second end; said opening defined by an inlet at said first end and an outlet disposed downstream of said inlet toward said second end;

said housing and valve member being in fluid communication and including a flow path defined by said openings of said housing and valve member; and

an actuating mechanism including a deformable seal defined by a deformable sidewall of said housing being deformable about said valve member; said actuating mechanism having a fluid tight seal preventing fluid flow in a normally closed position and being actuatable into an open position to enable fluid flow through said flow path when said sidewall of said housing is deformed;

wherein said deformable seal of said actuating mechanism including a sealing structure disposed about an inner side of said deformable sidewall of said housing; and a sealing member disposed at said second end of said valve member; said sealing structure operatively cooperating with said sealing member; said sealing structure is a sealing lip.

21. (New) The drink valve according to claim 20, wherein said sealing lip is a resilient, flexible material.

22. (New) A drink valve comprising:

a housing including a first end and a second end; said housing defining an opening extending longitudinally between said first end and said second end;

a valve member telescopically engaged within said opening of said housing; said valve member including a first end and a second end; said second end including an opening extending longitudinally between said first end and said second end; said opening defined by an inlet at said first end and an outlet disposed downstream of said inlet toward said second end;

said housing and valve member being in fluid communication and including a flow path defined by said openings of said housing and valve member; and

an actuating mechanism including a deformable seal defined by a deformable sidewall of said housing being deformable about said valve member; said actuating mechanism having a fluid tight seal preventing fluid flow in a normally closed position and being actuatable into an open position to enable fluid flow through said flow path when said sidewall of said housing is deformed;

wherein said deformable seal of said actuating mechanism including a sealing structure disposed about an inner side of said deformable sidewall of said housing; and a sealing member disposed at said second end of said valve member; said sealing structure operatively cooperating with said sealing member; said sealing member is substantially shaped as a portion of a sphere.

23. (New) A drink valve comprising:

a housing including a first end and a second end; said housing defining an opening extending longitudinally between said first end and said second end;

a valve member telescopically engaged within said opening of said housing; said valve member including a first end and a second end; said second end including an opening extending longitudinally between said first end and said second end; said opening defined by an inlet at said first end and an outlet disposed downstream of said inlet toward said second end;

said housing and valve member being in fluid communication and including a flow path defined by said openings of said housing and valve member; and

an actuating mechanism including a deformable seal defined by a deformable sidewall of said housing being deformable about said valve member; said actuating mechanism having a fluid tight seal preventing fluid flow in a normally closed position and being actuatable into an

open position to enable fluid flow through said flow path when said sidewall of said housing is deformed;

wherein said deformable seal of said actuating mechanism including a sealing structure disposed about an inner side of said deformable sidewall of said housing; and a sealing member disposed at said second end of said valve member; said sealing structure operatively cooperating with said sealing member; said sealing member is shaped as a hemisphere.

24. (New) A drink valve comprising:

a housing including a first end and a second end; said housing defining an opening extending longitudinally between said first end and said second end;

a valve member telescopically engaged within said opening of said housing; said valve member including a first end and a second end; said second end including an opening extending longitudinally between said first end and said second end; said opening defined by an inlet at said first end and an outlet disposed downstream of said inlet toward said second end;

said housing and valve member being in fluid communication and including a flow path defined by said openings of said housing and valve member; and

an actuating mechanism including a deformable seal defined by a deformable sidewall of said housing being deformable about said valve member; said actuating mechanism having a fluid tight seal preventing fluid flow in a normally closed position and being actuatable into an open position to enable fluid flow through said flow path when said sidewall of said housing is deformed;

wherein said open position including at least one opening at said first end of said housing and said valve member; said at least one opening defined by deformation of said sidewall along a first axis and a second axis; said first and second axes both being in a transverse direction from said flow path, wherein said deformable sidewall at said first axis is pressed toward said valve member and said deformable sidewall at second axis is pushed outward from said valve member; said first axis and said second axis reside about any radial position about said sidewall of said housing.

25. (New) The drink valve according to claim 24, wherein said first and said second axis are perpendicular to each other.